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SUBJECT: OKINAWAN REACTION TO PRESIDENT'S VISIT: NOV 19.

1. OKINAWA REACTION TO PRESIDENT FORD'S JAPAN VISIT REMAINS  
RELATIVELY LOW KEY AND RESTRAINED. SOME 100 PLUS OR MINUS  
ZENGUNRO (MILITARY WORKER'S UNION) PICKETS HAVE BEEN DEMON-  
STRATING PEACEFULLY ACROSS THE STREET FROM USAGO HEADQUARTERS  
NOVEMBER 18 AND 19 COMBINING THEIR ANNUAL YEAR-END STRUGGLE

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WITH SLOGANS AGAINST THE TANAKA REGIME, NUCLEAR WEAPONS, AND  
THE FORD VISIT.

2. REVERSION COUNCIL (FUKKIKYO) DELEGATION VISITED CONGEN  
NOVEMBER 19 AND DELIVERED ORAL PROTEST (PREPRINTED IN MORNING  
NEWSPAPER) CHARGING THAT THE FORD VISIT IS INTENDED TO STRENGTHEN  
THE US-JAPAN MILITARY ALLIANCE, NUCLEAR ARMAMENT OF JAPAN, PLUS  
BAGATELLE OF OTHER ANTI-US, GOJ AND ROK ALLEGATIONS. WHEN THE  
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DELEGATION PROVED UNABLE TO DECIDE WHETHER TO DISCUSS THESE

CHARGES PRIVATELY WITHOUT THE PRESS PRESENT, WE USHERED THEM OUT.

3. NOVEMBER 19 OKINAWA TIMES CARRIED TWO REPORTS ON LOCAL POLITICIANS' REACTION TO THE VISIT. OLDP DIET MEMBER NISHIME WELCOMED THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT AS STRENGTHENING US-JAPAN RELATIONS, AND HOPED THAT COOPERATION REGARDING ECONOMIC AND FOOD SUPPLY PROBLEMS WOULD BE STRENGTHENED. HOWEVER, EVEN NISHIME REPORTEDLY SAID THAT THE VISIT PROVIDED A GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO DEEPEN THE PRESIDENT'S UNDERSTANDING OF JAPAN'S THREE NON-NUCLEAR PRINCIPLES, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF OKINAWAN UNCERTAINTIES.

4. SOCIALIST DIET MEMBER UEHARA SAID VISIT WAS INTENDED TO PROP UP PRIME MINISTER TANAKA ON THE VERGE OF HIS OUSTER AND AND MANIPULATE PUBLIC OPINION ON THE NUCLEAR AND ALLIANCE ISSUES.

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COMMUNIST DIET MEMBER SENAGA SAID PRESIDENT FORD WAS NOW ATTEMPTING TO FORCE PUBLIC JAPANESE ACCEPTANCE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN THE WAKE OF THE LAROCQUE TESTIMONY. LEFT LEANING GOVERNOR YARA URGED THAT THE TALKS CLARIFY THE NUCLEAR WEAPONS QUESTION, AND PREFECTURAL ASSEMBLY SPEAKER TAIRA (OKINAWA SOCIALIST MASSES PARTY) QUESTIONED THE SACRIFICES SUSTAINED BY THE OKINAWAN PEOPLE AS A RESULT OF THE US-JAPAN SECURITY TREATY.

5. NOVEMBER 19 SHIMPO EDITORIAL STATED IT DID NOT INTERPOSE OBJECTION TO THE PRESIDENTIAL VISIT AT FACE VALUE, BECAUSE IT IS DESIRABLE TO HAVE FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH ANY COUNTRY. HOWEVER, VISIT WOULD HAVE NO MERIT FOR OKINAWAN PEOPLE, BECAUSE IT WOULD NOT TOUCH NUCLEAR QUESTION AND WOULD REAFFIRM SECURITY TREATY.

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